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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98, Applicant respectfully requests that a citation and examination of the references identified on the attached PTO 1449 form be made during the course of examination of the above-identified application for United States Patent.

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**REMARKS**

The attached PTO 1449 form lists related art references for the above identified application.


**EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE**

The relevance of reference AL, which was cited during the prosecution of the priority application, is discussed in the Specification. A Derwent English-language abstract has been provided, and a full translation will be produced at the request of the Examiner.

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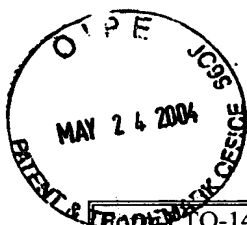
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